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SUBJ: SOVIET COMMENTS ON INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL ROMANIAN DEVELOPMENTS

1. PERIODIC MEETING WITH SOVIET POLITICAL COUNSELLOR PESHCHERSKY ON MAY 14 PRODUCED FOLLOWING ITEMS OF INTEREST:
2. SOVIETS UNDERSTAND THAT PRINCE SIHANOUK WILL MAKE ANOTHER VISIT TO ROMANIA IN JUNE.
3. MEETING BETWEEN SOVIET AMBASSADOR DROZDENKO AND CEAUSESCU ON MAY 11 HAD PURPOSE OF NOTIFYING ROMANIANS AT HIGHEST LEVEL OF BREZHNEV'S FORTHCOMING TRIP TO US.

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4. DROZDENKO'S MAY 8 CALL ON MAURER WAS FIRST PRELIMINARY MEETING ON COORDINATING TRADE UNDER NEXT FIVE YEAR PLAN. SOVIETS WILL AGREE TO SOME INCREASE OF TRADE IN NEXT FIVE YEAR PERIOD (CURRENT LEVEL IS 1.4 MILLION DOLLARS PER YEAR IN TWO- WAY TRADE, HE SAID) BUT MAJOR INCREASE IS NOT POSSIBLE IN SOVIET VIEW.

5. ON VISITS, PESHCHERSKY BACKED OFF SOMEWHAT FROM AN EARLIER ASSERTION BEFORE GRECHKO VISIT THAT THERE WOULD BE SEVERAL MINISTERIAL- LEVEL VISITS. HE SAID ONLY RELATIVELY HIGH- VISIT NOW PLANNED FOR REST OF YEAR IS PERIODIC ONE BY LESECHKO FOR REVIEW OF TRADE. HE SPECIFICALLY SAID THERE WOULD BE NO GROMYKO VISIT AS WELL AS NO BREZHNEV VISIT THIS YEAR. ROMANIAN DEFENSE MINISTER IONITA MIGHT MAKE HIS RETURN VISIT TO USSR AT END OF THIS YEAR ALTHOUGH NEXT YEAR WAS MORE LIKELY.

6. ON ROMANIAN INTERNAL SCENE, PESHCHERSKY VOLUNTEERED DESCRIPTION OF CHANGES IN PCR SECRETARIAT ALONG LINES GIVEN BY ANOTHER SOVIET OFFICIAL TO BRITISH EMBASSY (BUCHAREST 1753). SECRETARIAT WAS TO BE " CONCENTRATED" INTO FIVE SECRETARIES (PANA, ANDREI, BURTICA SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED), SECTION CHIEF LEVEL WOULD BE ABOLISHED AND A FIRST DEPUTY LEVEL WOULD REPORT DIRECTLY TO SECRETARIES. COMAN HAD BEEN GIVEN RANK OF FIRST DEPUTY SECTION CHIEF AND HAD RESPONSIBILITY FOR ALL SECURITY FUNCTIONS. SOVIETS HAD HEARD REPORTS THAT TROFIN WAS TRANSFERRED FROM INTERNAL TRADE TO STATE COMMITTEE FOR LOCAL ECONOMY AND HAD ALSO HEARD THAT FAZEKAS HAS BEEN ASSIGNED INTERNAL TRADE MINISTRY IN TROFIN'S PLACE. IF TRUE, SOVIETS REGARD THIS AS FURTHER DEMOTION OF TROFIN. ASKED IF HE BELIEVED CC PLENUM REQUIRED SOON TO MAKE CHANGES IN SECRETARIAT OFFICIAL, PESHCHERSKY GAVE AFFIRMATIVE ANSWER BUT DID NOT BELIEVE IT WOULD TAKE PLACE UNTIL SUMMER, PROBABLY JULY.

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